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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of  
Lubock et al.

Examiner: C. A. Marmor II

Group Art Unit: 3736

For: DILATION DEVICES AND  
METHODS FOR REMOVING  
TISSUE SPECIMENS

Serial No.: 09/916,937

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114****CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/FACSIMILE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.8**I hereby certify that these papers are being sent by facsimile to (703) 872-9302 addressed to Examiner Charles A. Marmor II,  
at Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on 4/7/2004, in San Francisco, CA.By: Mail Stop RCE  
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☐ Other:

2. Filing Fees

Description	Fee Code	Claims	Extra	Rate	Amount
RCE Fee	2801				\$385.
Independent Claims	2201	5 - 3 =	2 x	\$43=	\$ 86.
Total Claims	2202	13 - 20=	0 x	\$9 =	\$ 0.

Total Fees Due .....\$471.

3. Payment of Fees

/ X / The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayment of fees which may be required under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 04-1679, referencing Atty. Docket No. R0367-02600. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

4. Address all future communications to:

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5. Other documents enclosed herewith:

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